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GENERAL CLARENCE R. EDWARDS

*"The Old Man"*

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26TH COMPANY MILITARY POLICE  
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES  
IN THE SERVICE

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CAPTAIN MICHAEL J. DEE

## HISTORY OF 26TH COMPANY MILITARY POLICE

*Formerly Company B, 101st Military Police*



COMPANY B, 101ST MILITARY POLICE, was organized on August 29, 1917, at Camp Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts, in accordance with the provisions of Par. 1, S. O. 154, Headquarters 6th Regt. Mass. Inf., 26 August, 1917. The company, in conformity with the tables of organization then in force, comprised three officers and 150 enlisted men. Capt. Michael J. Dee, of Concord, Massachusetts, then in command of Company M, 6th Regt. Mass. Inf., was assigned to command the new company, and to him was given the task of properly organizing, equipping, and training it as a Military Police unit. This proved to be an enormous task, which Captain Dee was called upon to shoulder alone, for almost immediately his two lieutenants, 1st Lieut. James F. Coburn, of Leominster, Massachusetts, formerly of Company D, 6th Regt. Mass. Inf., and 2d Lieut. Edgar B. Hawkes, of Wakefield, Massachusetts, formerly of Company A, 6th Regt. Mass. Inf., were both ordered away on Detached Service. Lieutenant Hawkes was sent to France as an advance billeting officer, and Lieutenant Coburn went to Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Massachusetts, as an assistant to the Camp Quartermaster. Captain Dee at once went to work and carefully selected and chose the enlisted personnel for his new command from the following companies of the old 6th Regt. Mass. Inf.:—

Company B, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts  
Company D, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts  
Company H, of Stoneham, Massachusetts  
Company I, of Concord, Massachusetts  
Company K, of Lowell, Massachusetts  
Company M, of Milford, Massachusetts

The enlisted personnel having been chosen, and the organization of the new command completed, then followed a brief period of intensive training in all duties pertaining to Military Police work. Meanwhile the company was fully equipped, and on September 4, 1917, it moved to Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Massachusetts, where the 52d Brigade of the 26th Division was being assembled. At Camp Bartlett, the training and equipping of the company



LIEUTENANT FREEMAN F. DODGE  
Awarded the Croix de Guerre

for overseas service was completed. 1st Lieut. J. F. Coburn was relieved from Detached Service, and rejoined the company September 16, 1917. On September 21, 1917, Captain Dee reported the company to the Provost Marshal of the 26th Division as fully equipped, and ready to assume its duties as Military Police for the division. From September 21, 1917, to October 7, 1917, the company performed Military Police duty at Camp Bartlett and in the surrounding cities and towns, and also policed all trains leaving the Westfield railroad station.

The company entrained October 8, 1917, at Westfield, Massachusetts, arrived at Hoboken, New Jersey, October 9, 1917, and immediately embarked on the steamship *Baltic*. The *Baltic* left her pier that day at 1 p.m., bound



for Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the convoy of which she was to be a part was assembling. The *Baltic* arrived at Halifax, October 11, 1917, at 11.05 a.m., and anchored in the harbor, where she remained until the convoy was ready to sail. The first ship of our convoy steamed down the harbor and headed out to sea on October 14, 1917, at 3 p.m. The *Baltic* was the seventh ship to leave. The convoy cleared the outer harbor at 4.17 p.m. The trip across the Atlantic Ocean was pleasant and uneventful. No hostile submarines were sighted. A flotilla of nine torpedo boat destroyers picked up the convoy, October 21, 1917, at 3.30 p.m., and accompanied it during the remainder of the journey to Liverpool, where the *Baltic* arrived, October 23, 1917, at 6.30 p.m., and anchored in the outer harbor. The next morning, October 24, 1917, the *Baltic* docked and this company disembarked, completing its landing at 11 a.m. The company entrained immediately and proceeded to Southampton, arriving there that night, where it went into a rest camp. On



1ST SERGEANT GEORGE D. MORIARTY



October 29, 1917, the company left the rest camp at Southampton, and embarked on a Channel steamer for Le Havre, France, where it arrived



REST CAMP, SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND

*We will never forget this rest camp, where there was always plenty to eat and no mud.*

October 30, 1917. The following day the company left Le Havre by train, and arrived at Neufchâteau, France, its final destination, on November 2, 1917.

The company was billeted in Rouceaux, a small village adjacent to Neufchâteau. On November 5, 1917, the work of policing Neufchâteau and surrounding villages was taken over by the company, and it was here that its members had their first real experience in controlling and regulating traffic. The training and experience acquired by all members of the company in this area proved of great value in solving the difficult problems they were later called upon to handle at the front. In addition to traffic work, the members



*Interior view of the village church.*

ROUCEAUX



SERGEANT MAJOR EDWARD L. MURTAGH



of the company were required to preserve good order and discipline in the city at all times, and at night to see that no lights were visible, as a precautionary measure against enemy air raids. Frequent drills and lectures pertaining to Military Police work were held for all men not actually performing police duty. In connection with the police work, a jail was conducted in the French House of Correction at Neufchâteau. After being in operation for a while, the jail and all records, books, and receipts pertaining thereto were inspected by the Chief of Staff of the 26th Division, who paid the company a very flattering compliment for the efficient manner in which the affairs



LE HAVRE TO NEUFCHÂTEAU

of the institution were conducted. Fifty-two (52) riding horses were issued to the mounted section of the company, November 22, 1917. The men were taught how to ride and were thoroughly instructed in the proper care, feeding, and grooming of these animals.

Lieutenant Hawkes was relieved from Detached Service, and rejoined the company December 28, 1917. The company continued to perform Military Police duty in and about Neufchâteau until January 3, 1918, when the work was taken over by Company A, 101st Military Police. The duties of interior guard at Rouceaux and at the local aviation field were then taken over by this company. Drills, lectures, and training were continued until February 6, 1918, when the company again took up the police work at Neufchâteau. On February 8, 1918, Lieutenant Hawkes, one sergeant, three corporals, and twenty-six privates were detached from the company, and left Neufchâteau that day with Company A, 101st Military Police, for the Soissons front. A few days later, it having been determined that more Military Police were



Sergt. Wilfred Hall  
Sergt. Anton A. Saunders

Sergt. Graves Gravesen  
Sergt. William J. Hansell  
Stable Sergt. Winfield H. Gallison

Sup. Sergt. James H. Dee  
Mess Sergt. Everett E. Pierce

needed in the Soissons sector, an order was issued detaching one sergeant, two corporals, and twenty-one privates from the company. This detachment left Neufchâteau for the Soissons front February 18, 1918. In the meantime, all heavy baggage and property of the 26th Division was being moved to a new area, known as the Rimacourt area, where the division was to be stationed upon the completion of its tour at the front. This work having been completed, the company on February 21, 1918, moved to Rimacourt, and immediately took over the work of policing the new area. In addition to their other duties, a part of the company was employed in preparing the new area for the return of the division from the front. The two detachments of this company which were with the division in the Soissons sector rejoined this command March 27, 1917. The company was reassembled, and for four days was put through a course of drills and instructions.

On April 1, 1918, the entire dismounted personnel of the company were transported in camions to Boucq, in the Toul sector. The mounted men went over the road, making the trip in three days. The first night they stopped at Chermsey, the second night at Vaucouleurs, arriving in Boucq at noon-time on April 3, 1918. Our division was relieving the First American Division on this part of the line, and was taking it over as a complete American sector. Lieutenant Hawkes was detached from the company and went to 101st Tr. Hq. and M. P., where he was made Acting Adjutant. Company



RIMACOURT



Sergt. Raymond R. Morse  
Sergt. Joseph M. Dee

Sergt. Frank E. Cowdrey  
Sergt. David A. McClellan

Sergt. Joseph A. Vivier  
Sergt. Ralph J. Hall



headquarters were located at Boucq. Posts and patrols were at once stationed in the towns assigned to this company. Forward circulation control posts were established, and details were sent to police the large cities in rear of the area. Besides directing and controlling traffic and general policing, there was much work for our men to perform, as our new sector was universally regarded as being infested with spies and German sympathizers. At night it was very important that the sector be kept in total darkness, and all lights which showed were investigated, and either ordered extinguished or properly camouflaged.



The sector, when it was taken over by our division, was considered a peaceful sector, but it soon became a very lively and active one. Although many of the posts were under artillery fire, affairs at company headquarters ran along very smoothly until June 15, 1918. On that morning, at 5.15 A.M., several loud explosions occurred in the vicinity of the company office. Investigation proved that the enemy was shelling the village of Boucq, something that had not been done since the beginning of the war, in 1914. It was a harassing fire, and was continued until June 18, 1918. Meanwhile the divisional intelligence section had collected valuable information, which disclosed the fact that the enemy intended to shell Boucq severely late in the afternoon of June 19, 1918. This information was officially made known on June 19, 1918, at 3.30 P.M., and the company received orders immediately to



Pvt. 1Cl. Thomas D. Keairns  
Pvt. 1Cl. Carl A. Gilbert  
Pvt. 1Cl. Joseph Coughlin

Pvt. 1Cl. John H. Riese  
Pvt. 1Cl. Arthur J. Lombard

Pvt. 1Cl. Pearley W. Gordon  
Corp. Herbert C. Webster  
Pvt. 1Cl. Leon F. Madigan

leave Boucq and proceed to Trondes. The departure of the company from Boucq was completed at 4 P.M. the same day. The village of Boucq was under observation by the enemy from Montsec, and they evidently knew that the town had been evacuated, for the bombardment did not materialize and not another shell was thrown into the village. That night, June 19, 1918, the company arrived at Trondes, where company headquarters were located, and remained until all posts were relieved by the Military Police of the 82d Division.

On June 28, 1918, our relief having been completed, the company moved to a small village known as Danmartin, just outside the city of Toul. From that date until July 1, 1918, the company remained at Danmartin, doing police duty in and about the city of Toul. While in the Toul sector, the company at one time or another maintained posts or patrols in the following places: Trondes, Bruley, Lucey, Lagny, Vertuzey, Aulnois, Eurville, Vignot, Boncourt, Girauvoisin, Liouville, Fremerville, Gironville, Broussey, St. Agnant, Bouconville, Rambucourt, Raulecourt, Corneville, Jouy-sous-les-Côtes, Boucq, Royaumeix, Ansaville, Bernécourt, Mandres, Beaumont, Noviant, and Minorville. Circulation control posts outside the sector were maintained at Nancy, Toul, Pagny, Commercy, and Ville-Issey.

On July 1, 1918, the company entrained at Toul for a new sector, to take up its duties with our division as part of the army known as the Paris group. The company arrived at Trilport, July 2, 1918, where it detrained. From



ROUCEAUX





Pvt. ICL Herbert A. Kock  
 Pvt. ICL Raymond A. Booth  
 Pvt. ICL Clinton J. Bowley

Pvt. ICL David E. Sandblom  
 Pvt. ICL William M. Smith

Pvt. ICL Chester E. Hill  
 Corp. Robert R. Poland  
 Pvt. ICL Harry H. Hale



there the company marched to Boutigny, where it was billeted in a cement factory. The Fourth of July was spent at this place, and as it was a holiday, a list of company sports was arranged. In all probability, this was the happiest day ever enjoyed by the company, as nearly every member was present for the first time in three months, and every one agreed to take part in at least one of the scheduled events. The weather was fine and warm, which greatly added to the pleasure of the day. It was, in truth, a day of athletics, the events starting early in the morning and continuing until after supper.



The sports consisted of boxing, wrestling, acrobatic acts, tin-cup fights, foot races, horse races, jumping events, tug-of-war matches, and several ball games.

Early the next morning, July 5, 1918, the company left for Montreuil-aux-Lions, in the Château-Thierry sector, where it bivouacked in an orchard. That afternoon, some of the men were sent out to get acquainted with the duties of the posts then operated by the Military Police of the 2d Division. By the evening of July 6, 1918, the company had relieved and taken over all posts. Company headquarters were located at Montreuil, and the company was responsible for the proper military policing of the forward zone. At this time the company had posts at Montreuil, Coupriu, Dompnin, Mt. de Bonnetl, Ferme-Paris, La Voie du Chatel, Ventelet-Ferme, Villiers, Aulnois



Pvt. ICl. Joseph O. Burke  
Pvt. ICl. Archibald L. Bowse  
Pvt. ICl. Lester E. Fielding

Pvt. ICl. Milton R. Doxey  
Pvt. ICl. Charles F. Johnson

Pvt. ICl. Romeo J. Lorian  
Corp. Joseph A. Gallant  
Pvt. ICl. Charles Bullock

Bontemps, La Loge-Ferme, Le Thiolet, Charly, Citry, Marigny, and Maison Blanche. Most all of these posts were under enemy artillery fire. Traffic, both motor and animal drawn, was exceedingly heavy, on account of the enormous preparation which was being made for the coming drive on Château-Thierry. Our divisional transportation was greatly augmented by that of Corps and Army troops operating in our sector. At the same time, the 2d Division, with all its transportation, was leaving the sector. In addition, a part of our main road leading to the front was being used by French troops on our left—all of which tended to greatly increase the duties required of the company.

On July 7, 1918, the enemy shelled the crossroads at Ferme-Paris, killing three horses belonging to the post stationed at this point. Private Daniel J. Hayes was wounded by an enemy shell at the same place, on July 13, 1918, he being the first man of the company to be wounded. The enemy shelled the village of Montreuil in the early morning of July 15, 1918, several shells landing in close proximity to the company kitchen. German shells continued to land in the village until the night of July 17, 1918. The attack by our division began on the morning of July 18, 1918, and immediately the company posts were moved forward. Straggler posts were maintained in close proximity to the front line, but they had little to do other than direct soldiers who had become lost as to where they could rejoin their organizations. There was practically no straggling in the entire division.







Wag. Henry C. Noble  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Jackson R. Garrett  
 Pvt. 1Cl. John J. Hopkins

Pvt. 1Cl. Claude L. Ryder  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Pierce L. Finn

Pvt. 1Cl. Dennis J. Quinlan  
 Corp. Soren M. Melkkelsen  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Francis B. Fielding

On July 21, 1918, company headquarters were moved to Maison Blanche, on the Paris-Metz road, and the posts were moved forward. The advance of the division continued, and was so rapid that it was difficult to keep in touch with the advancing units. So, on July 22, 1918, company headquarters were again moved forward to Picardy-Ferme. There was no let-up in the advance of the division, and the company on July 25, 1918, moved to La Sacerie-Ferme, our posts keeping in touch with all units. At this time the 42d Division, which was expected to relieve our division, began to enter our forward



zone, and again the volume of traffic increased. But the men of the company doubled their efforts, and kept all traffic moving by allowing no serious blocks to occur. By July 27, 1918, most of the division had been withdrawn to the vicinity of Etrepilly, where it was being held in support. On that same day this company, having been relieved, moved to Etrepilly. The company remained at Etrepilly until July 30, 1918, when it moved to Nanteuil-sur-Marne, where it was stationed until August 14, 1918, on which day it marched to Lizy-sur-Ourcq, entraining there for the Châtillon area.

The company arrived at Latrecy on August 15, 1918, where it detrained, and then proceeded to St. Colombe, company headquarters being established in that village. It was generally supposed that the division would be given a rest in this area, which was known as the Châtillon area. The entire policing of the divisional area was at once taken over by this company, which



Cook William M. Beaulac  
Pvt. 1Cl. Waldo P. Manning  
Cook Ardeen Schwartz

Pvt. 1Cl. Joseph Ready  
Pvt. 1Cl. Daniel J. Hayes

Pvt. 1Cl. John Coolidge  
Pvt. 1Cl. Nils B. Carlson  
Pvt. 1Cl. Joseph J. Pechulis



duty it continued to perform until August 29, 1918. In the meantime, it had been decided to employ the division in the coming St. Mihiel offensive. On August 29, 1918, this company entrained at Châtillon-sur-Seine for Tronville, arriving at that place August 30, 1918. The company then marched to Vavincourt, which was reached August 31, 1918. From Vavincourt, the company hiked to Chaumont, arriving there September 1, 1918; and on September 5, 1918, a march was made to Les Monthairons. The company received orders on September 9, 1918, to proceed to Genicourt.

The company arrived at Genicourt on September 9, 1918, and immediately took over the work of policing the rear zone of the division sector, which was known as the Rupt sector of the St. Mihiel salient. All Military Police work at the divisional railhead and at divisional headquarters was assumed by men of this company. Traffic posts and circulation control posts were immediately established in all villages and on all important crossroads in the company area. A detail was also sent forward to function at each brigade headquarters. Traffic was very heavy in the area, especially during the nights. By the night of September 11, 1918, all artillery units were in position and ready for action, which fact was due in a large measure to the efficient service rendered by the Military Police. The Military Police had kept the roads open at all times, thus enabling each unit to reach its appointed place at the proper time.





Pvt. 1Cl. John B. Richards  
 Pvt. 1Cl. William G. Ashby  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Ralph S. Swift

Pvt. 1Cl. Thomas Walsh  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Arthur W. Robichaud

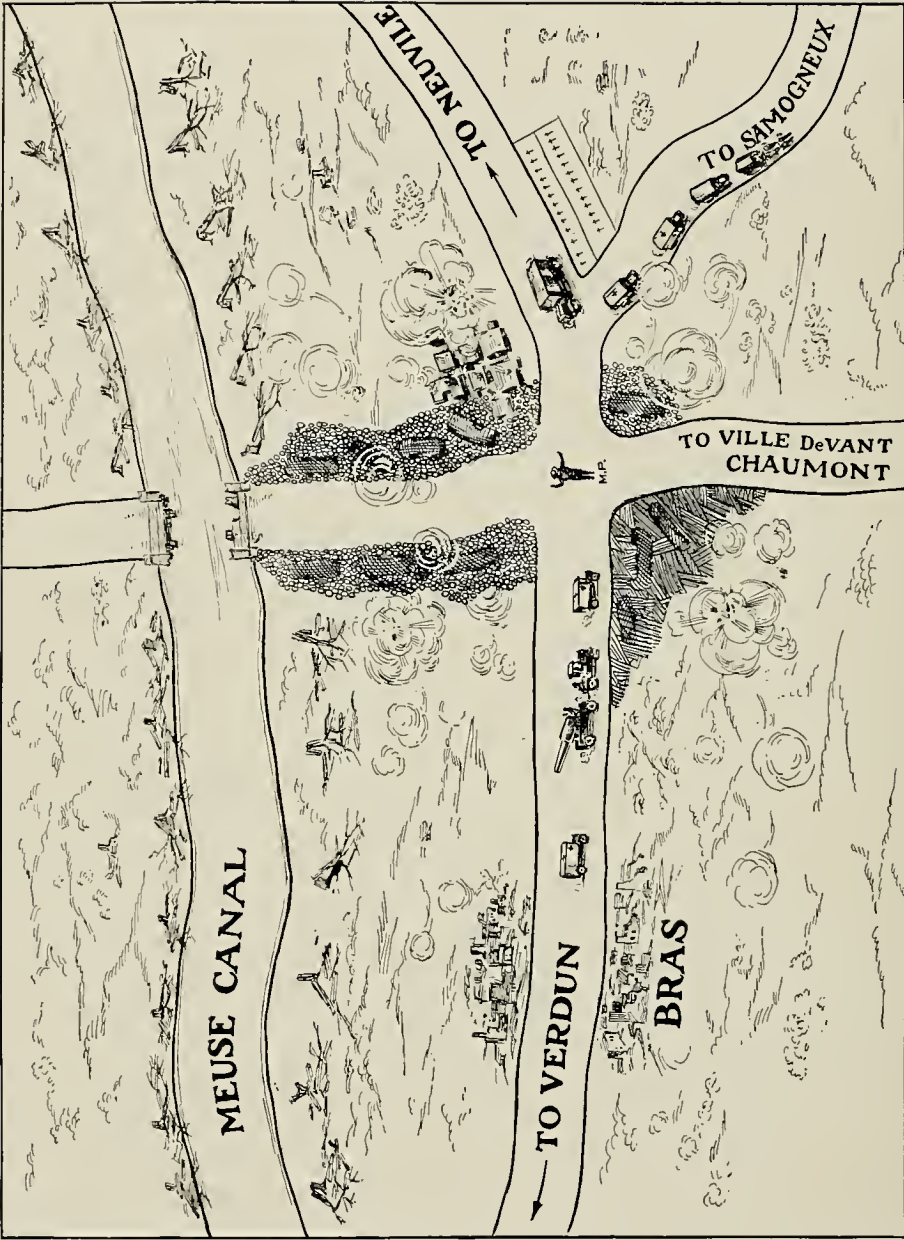
Pvt. 1Cl. Patrick F. Connolly  
 Corp. Francis J. Ducey  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Romeo J. Marceau



On the morning of September 12, 1918, after a violent bombardment, the division made its jump-off in the historic drive which resulted in the cutting off of the St. Mihiel salient. In the afternoon of that day, the details of this company stationed at brigade headquarters began to arrive at Genicourt, escorting German prisoners. A large enclosure for prisoners of war had been erected at Genicourt, and all prisoners taken by our division were brought to this point. From September 12, 1918, to September 13, 1918, this company handled almost 2,300 German prisoners. At times the prisoners arrived in such large numbers that it became necessary to call on other units of the division for extra guards. Meanwhile the division advanced, and on September 14, 1918, this company moved to Rupt-en-Woevre, where it established its headquarters. Posts and patrols were immediately put out as far forward as the Grande Tranchée de Calonne. On the following day there was a complete readjustment of the entire front, our division moving over to the east, where it took up a defensive position in the Troyon sector. The same day this company moved its headquarters to Troyon, leaving in position some of its posts and patrols, and established other posts and patrols further to the east.

The company continued to perform Military Police duty in the Troyon sector until October 6, 1918, when it was relieved by the Military Police of the 79th Division. While functioning in the Rupt and Troyon sectors, the company maintained posts in the following places: Genicourt, Rattentout, Sommedieue, Ancemont, Amblenville-Ferme, Mouilly, Troyon, Recourt, Ambly, Tilly, Woimbey, Bouquemont, Lacroix, and Vaux. In addition, posts were maintained on all important road crossings and forks, and all roads leading to the front were patrolled as far forward as the Grande Tranchée de Calonne. Having been relieved, the company left Troyon, October 7, 1918, and made a night march to Lempire, a distance of about 25 kilometers. At Lempire, the company continued to perform Military Police duty, covering division headquarters and surrounding towns, and furnished numerous details. On October 17, 1918, the company left Lempire at two o'clock, having received orders to march to Bras, northeast of Verdun, where our division was relieving French troops.

After a night march of about 20 kilometers, the company, at four o'clock on October 18, 1918, arrived at Bras, which was in the Neptune sector of the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Company headquarters were established at Bras, and preparations were made to take over the policing of the forward zone of the divisional sector. By noon of the same day, the relief of a company of



French territorials, which had been functioning as Military Police, was completed. Traffic in this sector was exceedingly heavy, due to the fact that a long stretch of our main route of supply was being used in common with other divisions. In addition, the roads, which had been under enemy fire for about four years, were in a wretched and deplorable condition, and apparently very little effort had been employed to keep them in repair. Due also to the narrowness of the roads, heavy trucks in passing each other were frequently obliged to pull away out to the sides, where they often became temporarily stalled, on account of the soft nature of the soil—all of which greatly added to the work of the Military Police.

In order that the operations of our division might be successful, it was absolutely necessary that all roads be kept open at all times. With this object in view, an elaborate system of mounted patrols was adopted. These patrols constantly patrolled all roads and connected up with all traffic posts in the forward zone. As the posts and patrols were widely disposed over a large area, the enlisted personnel of the company were frequently called upon to handle intricate problems and to act upon their own initiative. Through their long experience on other fronts, they were mentally alert at all times to all possible situations which might arise. Very often traffic would become congested or temporarily stopped for a few minutes, due perhaps to an accident or as the result of enemy shell-fire. However, a Military Policeman from this company would quickly appear at the point where the trouble occurred and take full charge of the situation. He would at once, alone and unaided, adopt a solution, and would lose no time in putting his plan into action. On such occasions, the work of these men was trying and sometimes embarrassing, as very often the Military Policeman would find himself giving orders to a commissioned officer. Though firm in their orders and directions, these men always strove to handle such situations in a courteous and creditable manner. Thus it was possible to keep our roads open and allow a free and easy circulation of traffic to and from the front at all times.

That the handling and regulation of traffic, both motor propelled and animal drawn, did not comprise all the duties of a Military Policeman is evidenced by the efficient and intelligent manner in which one of these men, stationed at a crossroad near Vacherauville, was able to pass an entire regiment past this point without a casualty, although at the time the enemy was heavily shelling the crossroad. Later, when the company was inspected by an officer from the First Army, this incident was told to him, with the result that the Commanding General of the First Army considered the affair of





Pvt. 1Cl. William O. Taylor  
Pvt. 1Cl. Lawrence E. O'Toole  
Pvt. 1Cl. John J. Gray

Pvt. 1Cl. Herbert F. Robinson  
Pvt. 1Cl. Harry F. Sullivan

Pvt. 1Cl. Leo W. Durkin  
Corp. John J. Gallagher  
Pvt. 1Cl. James J. Jones

sufficient moment to mention it in a circular letter, a copy of which is hereto attached. Other instances of keen sense and sound judgment were shown by men of this command, in temporarily diverting traffic through the woods, past given spots in our roads which had become impassable; in towing into the fields trucks which had become stalled on the road; in throwing off the road broken-down caissons and wagons; and in clearing crossroads and road forks of dead animals and *débris*.

While operating in this sector, a strong detail of Military Police were sent forward to search all dugouts and caves for stragglers. A most thorough search was made, and it may be said to the credit of the division that not one straggler was found. In addition to their regular duties, many men of this command, during their time off, volunteered and actually took part in carrying ammunition forward to the infantry, in assisting gun crews which through casualties had become depleted, in caring for sick and wounded, and in the burying of the dead.

At about this time, the Military Police of the entire American Expeditionary Force was being reorganized, in accordance with the provisions of G. O. No. 180, G. Hq. American E. F. So, on October 29, 1918, the officers and entire enlisted personnel of this company, formerly designated as Company B, 101st Military Police, together with forty-seven (47) men from Company A, 101st Military Police, were transferred as one unit to the 26th Military Police Co. While in this sector, the company maintained posts at Bras, Charny, Vacherauville, Champneuville, Neuville, Samogneaux, Haumont, besides covering each brigade headquarters, all important crossroads, road forks, and bridges. On November 11, 1918, the company's most advanced traffic post was at Ville devant Chaumont. Every post operated by this company in the Neptune sector was at some time or other during our occupancy of said sector under violent artillery fire. The company continued to perform Military Police duty in this sector until November 13, 1918, when it was relieved by the Military Police of the 79th Division; although, as a matter of fact, the Armistice had been signed and went into effect November 11, 1918, at eleven o'clock.

On November 14, 1918, the company was assembled at Bras, and started to make a hike to Montigny le Roi (near Langres), a distance of about one hundred and seventy-five (175) kilometers. This march covered a period of nine days, from November 14, 1918, to November 22, 1918, both dates inclusive. During this march, the company made stops and was billeted in the following places: Souhesme, Pierfritte, Willeroncourt, Refferoy, Bonnet,



Pvt. 1Cl. William D. Keating  
 Pvt. 1Cl. John J. Francis  
 Pvt. 1Cl. John J. Connors

Pvt. 1Cl. Arthur R. Holt  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Carl G. Westburg  
 Pvt. 1Cl. William J. Ormond

Pvt. 1Cl. Oscar J. Brunelle  
 Corp. Walter R. Denniston  
 Pvt. 1Cl. William J. Ormond



Leurville, and Clinchamp. On arriving at Montigny le Roi, the company took over the work of policing the entire divisional area. This area comprised about forty towns and villages. Men of this company were posted in every town and village in the divisional area, and details were sent to function at division headquarters and with the Division Quartermaster at the railhead, which was located at Meuse. On January 4, 1919, the company was inspected by Colonel Cromier, who had been detailed by the First Army to make the inspection. The Inspecting Officer complimented the company commander on the condition in which he found the organization, and as a result of his inspection made a very favorable report, a copy of which is hereto annexed.

It was in this area that the company turned in all its animals. These animals were issued to the company in November, 1917, at Neufchâteau, and had remained steadily with this company, rendering valuable services on all fronts and in all areas where it had functioned. That they had been tenderly cared for and regarded as fast friends by the enlisted personnel was evidenced by a letter which was received from the Division Remount Officer. A copy of this letter is hereto attached.

The company continued to perform Military Police duty in this area until January 22, 1919. The division had received orders to proceed to the Ecommoy area in the American Embarkation Center, and on January 23, 1919, the greater part of this organization entrained at Vitry for Ecommoy. After a rail journey of about 400 kilometers, this part of the company arrived at Ecommoy on January 24, 1919. The remainder of the company reached Ecommoy about a week later. This company did not function as Military Police in the Ecommoy area, as this work was performed by permanent area police. The time passed in this area was spent in preparing the company for its return to the United States. In recognition of the faithful and efficient service which this company rendered to the division in all its operations, it was cited in G. O. No. 19, Hq. 26th Div., American E. F., dated March 8, 1919. A copy of this order is hereto attached.

JAMES F. COBURN,

1st Lieut. Inf., U. S. A.,

*Historical Officer.*



Pvt. 1Cl. George Callahan  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Clyde F. Hannant  
 Pvt. 1Cl. John F. Kenna

Pvt. 1Cl. John O'Brien  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Edward H. Sullivan

Pvt. 1Cl. James F. O'Toole  
 Corp. Louis A. Costello  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Elmer P. Clark



101ST TRAIN HEADQUARTERS & MILITARY POLICE  
26TH DIVISION, AMERICAN E. F.

AMERICAN P.O. No. 709,  
Feb. 8, 1919.

From: C. O. 101st Tr. Hqs. & Military Police.  
To: C. O. 26th Military Police Company.  
Subject: Report of Inspection.

1. The following is a copy of the report made by Inspector detailed from the 1st Army to inspect the Military Police, 26th Division, on Jan. 4, 1919:

MILITARY POLICE

*Officers:* One officer short. Another is on special duty as Claims Officer. Inspector considers this officer needed for Military Police duty.

Kitchens and mess halls: In excellent condition.

Billets: Satisfactory.

Training and Instruction: Thorough. Personnel efficient. Excellent organization.

W. E. SWEETSER,  
Colonel, Infantry.

A true copy.  
JAMES F. COBURN,  
1st Lieut., Inf.



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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pvt. 1Cl. Russell H. Bates  | Pvt. 1Cl. George G. Wood     | Pvt. 1Cl. William A. Ryan |
| Pvt. 1Cl. Joseph P. O'Toole | Pvt. 1Cl. George B. Williams | Corp. John F. McGuinness  |
| Pvt. 1Cl. Charles L. Rocks  |                              | Pvt. 1Cl. Basil G. Norman |

HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMY  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, FRANCE G-1

9 January, 1919.

From: Adjutant General, First Army.  
To: Commanding Generals, all Corps and Divisions.  
Subject: Service of Military Police.

1. The following incident has come to the attention of these headquarters illustrating the intelligent way in which an individual of the 26th Military Police Company performed his duties during recent operations. He was stationed at a cross-roads well forward, and the enemy was shelling the spot knowing it to be an important point in our road system. He timed the interval between the explosions, found that they were occurring at regular intervals, and so directed traffic over this spot that an entire regiment moving forward was able to cross without a single casualty.

2. Many valuable lessons similar to the foregoing may be learned from the experiences of our military police; especially so since it is an organization created during the war, with no traditions or previous service to guide it. It is desired to have a record of the problems that confronted our military police and the manner in which they were solved. This record will be invaluable in training military police, as it will give them the benefit of what our military police have learned.

3. In accordance with the foregoing, you are directed to have a report made to these headquarters on the work of your military police company during its service.

By command of Lieutenant General Liggett:

H. K. LOUGHRY,  
Adjutant General.

A true copy.  
JAMES F. COBURN,  
1st Lieut., Inf.



Pvt. 1Cl. Walter R. Rockwell  
 Pvt. 1Cl. James H. Osgood  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Harold V. Sheridan

Pvt. 1Cl. Joseph A. Menard  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Alfred Bothner  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Arthur G. Amiot  
 Corp. Nelson J. Dion, Jr.  
 Pvt. 1Cl. William J. Lynch

HEADQUARTERS 26TH DIVISION  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

FRANCE, February 18, 1919.

COLONEL WARREN E. SWEETSER,  
Commanding Officer,  
101st Train Hdqrs. & Mil. Police.

MY DEAR COLONEL SWEETSER:—

It is my pleasure to inform you of the excellent condition of the thirty riding horses turned over by the 26th Military Police Company to the First Army School of Horsemanship on January 15th.

The First Army Remount Officer verbally expressed to me a high compliment on the appearance of the horses, and desired me to express his satisfaction to your organization.

At the same time, it does not seem too late to compliment your organization on the consistent good care they have taken of their animals, very often under the most trying conditions at the front. Certainly, the satisfaction of the First Army is a proof of such care.

Sincerely yours,

NICHOLAS BIDDLE,

Captain, Q. M. C.,

Div. Remount Officer.

1ST IND.

CO, 101st Tr. Hqs. & Military Police, 26th Division, A. E. F.,  
February 20, 1919.

To CO, 26th Military Police Company, 26th Division.

1. Referred for your information.

W. E. SWEETSER,  
Colonel, Infantry.

A true copy.

JAMES F. COBURN,  
1st Lieut., Inf.





Pvt. 1Cl. Walter H. Collins  
Pvt. 1Cl. Frank J. Reynolds  
H. S. Benjamin H. Webster

Pvt. 1Cl. Frank A. Abbott  
Pvt. 1Cl. Edward Ledgerd

Pvt. 1Cl. Frank Orehard  
Corp. Frederick V. Perry  
H. S. Anthony J. McConnell



HEADQUARTERS 26TH DIVISION  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

FRANCE, March 6, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 19.

1. The Division Commander is pleased to call attention to the efficient, effective, and enthusiastic work of all officers and men connected with the 26th MILITARY POLICE COMPANY throughout their service in FRANCE, and to cite this organization in General Orders.

2. The Military Police of this division, by their intelligent control of traffic, especially on those roads in the forward areas of sectors on the Western Front occupied by this division during the past year, and along the routes of supply which were frequently under heavy shell fire, almost always congested by columns, horse-drawn and motor, bringing up supplies of food and munitions, and marching bodies of reënforcements, have played a tremendous part in the magnificent successes of the YANKEE DIVISION's operations.

3. This organization, as well as many of the individuals comprising it, has repeatedly been the subject of favorable comment and report by officers of the American forces and those of our Allies. By the efficient performance of their various duties and their courageous, courteous, and soldierly bearing, they have called attention to themselves as representing the finest type of the American fighting man, and have been a great credit to the 26th Division.

By command of Major General HALE:

DUNCAN K. MAJOR, JR.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

C. A. STEVENS,  
Adjutant General,  
Adjutant.



Pvt. ICl. Howard W. Blanshan  
Pvt. ICl. Dominick D. Moore

Pvt. ICl. Harold Yarmian  
Pvt. ICl. Harry J. Tapply

Pvt. ICl. Frank Collins  
Pvt. ICl. Ellis B. Corliss  
Pvt. ICl. James P. Byron

## REMINISCENCES

### 1ST SERGT. GEORGE MORIARTY

George, as he is familiarly called by the gang from the patch, was ushered into the world some twenty-one years ago.

A perfect "Adonis" in form and feature, with an iron will that makes him a terror to those who attempt to "put one over."

Rumor has it that he sat for a painting while at Neufchâteau. His leisure moments are spent before the mirror, combing his wealth of raven black hair.

### SUPPLY SERGT. JAMES H. DEE

In civil life, "Keys" whiled the time away in attending funerals.

As a supply sergeant, he is an excellent dressmaker.

Jimmie is possessed of a quiet and unassuming disposition, so much, in fact, that we sometimes wonder if there is such a thing as a supply sergeant in our company, especially when we lack equipment. Although rather frail in appearance, Jim possesses a vigorous constitution and a few cans of dubbin.

### STABLE SERGT. WINFIELD GALLISON

As head chambermaid in the stables, none was more attentive in his care of our horses than "Twanit." From early morn till dewy eve, he busied himself in counting out the grains of oats for each steed, so much, in fact, that each mounted man tied a knot in his horse's tail to prevent him from slipping through his saddle girth. Although somewhat modest and retiring, Winfield finds time to indulge in boxing.

He is passionately fond of chewing tobacco, and owing to the signing of the Armistice was slated as an instructor in a squirt-gun school. Intends publishing a text-book of Biblical swear words when he goes home.

### SERGT. RALPH HALL

Ralph has had some exciting experiences. Once, at the Château-Thierry front, his horse was killed by a shell, and Ralph just escaped a similar fate. As an exponent of the manly art, he has no equal (so he says). But most of the fights that Ralph has indulged in would not cause any fair young stenographer or field clerk to cover their faces with their hands and moan at the slaughter. Ralph would make a capable drill sergeant for a company of one-legged vets in a soldiers' home.

### SERGT. WILLIAM HANSEL

"And a little child shall lead them" is a text that is eminently fitting when speaking about this youth. Bill has seen considerable service, and was promoted to sergeant on the Bar-le-Duc front.

Gifted with good looks and a forgiving nature, and an ability as a cook that surpasseth all womanly understanding.

Willie is e'en an athlete, playing "hop scotch" and "jump rope" very proficiently. His only worry is trying to get an overseas cap that will fit him.



Pvt. 1Cl. Waldo E. Bigwood  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Timothy F. Lynch  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Murray A. Kenyon

Wag. Frank R. Fair  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Frank L. Champagne

Pvt. 1Cl. Harry Deerfield  
 Corp. Ralph E. Hewitt  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Franklin W. Thomas



#### SERGT. RAYMOND MORSE

Down from old New Hampshire came this young man, and eventually became a member of our company. From what inside news we are able to glean of his past, we learn that Ray was of a sporting turn of mind. That same love of sport is the reason for his intense longing to visit Paris. His name was a household word with the fair inhabitants of Mense, for Ray could certainly make himself an interesting companion when the opportunity presented itself.

#### SERGT. ANTON SAUNDERS

"Every soldier carries a Marshal's Baton in his haversack."

It is infinitely hard to believe this Napoleonic expression when considering the merits of "chief," for he is conscientious to such a marked degree that the M. P. letters are embroidered on his pajamas. Participated in the battle of Rimacourt, and was cited for valiant service in the trenches at P. C. Neptune.

Has a strict aversion to the infantry.

#### CORP. NELSON BREWER

In civil life, Nelson was an electrician (Oh, how shocking!). As a mounted M. P., "Nell" was devotedly attached to his horse "Tubby," and it broke his heart when "Tubby" was exchanged to another outfit, for five cans of Karo and a box of Hardtack.

Has seen active service at the front and loves the smell of powder (Mary Garden preferred). Will enter a girls' seminary as an instructor in physical culture, on leaving the army.

#### CORP. JOHN DELDERFIELD

Back home, Jack was to the fore when it came to parades, for Jack was a musician of no mean repute, as he carried the bass drum in the old Sixth Regiment band; in other words, Jack was the front wheel of the bass drum. But to see him at his best, one had to watch him handling traffic. 'Twas then that Jack made every move a picture, displaying excellent judgment on all occasions. Has no bad habits other than playing "Rummy" and smoking in bed nights.

#### CORP. HERBERT WEBSTER

The worries that beset a non-com have left neither wrinkles nor gray hairs on Herb. Full of devilry, he cuts loose at every opportunity and proceeds to make life miserable for the smaller ones in the outfit. Herb stands well over six feet in height, and 'tis a pity he did not grow in width as well as in height.

The chief accomplishment of this "yard of pump water" rests in being able to crawl inside a tin whistle without disturbing the music. Herb intends becoming a traffic cop when he returns to Lowell.



Pvt. 1Cl. John B. O'Dea  
 Pvt. 1Cl. John J. Hayes  
 Pvt. 1Cl. James P. McCready

Pvt. 1Cl. Wilfred Lamothe  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Fred O. Sargent

Pvt. 1Cl. James F. Armstrong  
 Corp. Hardy F. Russell  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Albert J. Frenk

### MECHANIC THOMAS KENNEDY

When we first caught a glimpse of this rosy-cheeked, fat boy, with a cigar in his mouth, we figured that he was a military politician, and later events proved that we were correct in our assumption, for reveille has no terrors for "Tommy." He is a prime favorite among us and is a member of the highest social order in the company, namely, the "Gas House Gang." Tommy takes delight in relating his experiences, particularly that of his midnight ride from Neufchâteau to Nancy.

### PRIVATE JAMES ARMSTRONG

Although one of the smallest members of the outfit, Jimmie is no slouch when it comes to scrapping, as he was a pupil of Jimmie Gardner's. His decorations consist of a bruised nose and a hurt stripe, for this blond-haired "pug" was wounded in the Château-Thierry scrap. Will warm a bench in the South Common, Lowell, on his return.

### PRIVATE WILLIAM ASHBY

For neat appearance and good looks, Bill is hard to beat. Has a regular assignment as guard at Division Headquarters, but saw active service on most of the sectors. While in the town of Commercy, on the Toul front, Bill almost had his arm blown off.

His agreeable disposition is in keeping with his good looks, and if he follows our advice, will open a beauty parlor in Stoneham.

### PRIVATE RUSSELL BATES

"Bud" in civil life was an employee in the Charlestown Navy Yard, and is one of our mounted men.

Good-looking when cleaned up, and possesses a ready repartee in all arguments. Bud is inclined to be round-shouldered, as the result of ducking details; and when washing his face, keeps that function a secret from his neck. Has visited Paris, but is not officially recorded. Will return to the Yard when released from the army.

### PRIVATE BRUNNELLE

On the outfit's arrival in France, "Brownie" was assigned to a motor cycle, but soon developed a mania for murdering poultry and climbing trees with his machine, so back to the outfit he came, just in time to participate in the St. Patrick's Day battle on the Rimacourt sector, where he went over the top a number of times. Looks well in an Algerian uniform, his friends say, and moves in the best circles, as he is a Gas House Gangster.

### PRIVATE BUCHE

"Bush" came to us as a National Guard replacement from Washington State. Owing to the fact that "Bush" was a rancher in his home state, he made an excel-



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| Pvt. 1Cl. Paul S. Jarvis       | Pvt. 1Cl. Edward L. Cormier | Pvt. 1Cl. Meroujan Pekmezian |
| Pvt. 1Cl. Winthrop L. Cummings | Pvt. 1Cl. Winslow J. Danon  | Corp. John W. Delderfield    |
| Pvt. 1Cl. Sabin A. Morse       |                             | Pvt. 1Cl. Joseph Stone       |



lent member of our mounted platoon. Bears a striking resemblance to the German ex-crown prince, but we do not hold that against him.

"Bush" is a likable chap, and will return to his life in the saddle when he is through soldiering.

#### PRIVATE CHARLES BULLOCK

Originally a native of England, Charlie came to the States; and when his adopted country went to war, Charlie volunteered and eventually became an M. P. "Kamerad Charles", as he was known in Neufchâteau, has all the qualities that make a good soldier, but is rather mysterious at times, preferring his own company rather than going out with the boys. Blond-haired, rumor has it that he uses peroxide.

#### PRIVATE JAMES BYRON

Jimmie worked as a furniture mover back in Stoneham, but made the damaging admission that the best job that he ever worked at was iceman. He has many good soldierly qualities, being a crack shot; for Jim can roll a "natural" every time, with the best of them, on pay nights. On his return, Jim will again wrestle with the parlor stoves.

#### PRIVATE GEORGE CALLAHAN

This solemn-faced person was an undertaker in Fitchburg before the war, and it comes as second nature to him; for when it comes to an argument, George can "lay 'em all out."

Keen witted, and possessed of a ready repartee that makes life miserable for the childish members of the company.

George has great difficulty in keeping his knees from fighting. His chief hobby is collecting souvenirs, gold teeth especially, and he says he is going to be his own boss as a crêpe-hanger very soon.

#### PRIVATE WALTER COLLINS

War has dealt lightly with "Hoppie", for he has become so fat that our company tailor has to sew sleeves on a tent to make an overcoat for him. "Hoppie" is one of our picked men who have a regular assignment at Division Headquarters, but is not swell-headed over it. Pleasant and courteous at all times, and is a good singer. This young man would look well wearing corporal's chevrons.

#### PRIVATE GEORGE E. CONNERS

Before joining the army, G. E. was in bad health, so much so, in fact, that work of any kind did not agree with him; but since coming to France, George, outside of having dizzy spells occasionally, enjoys excellent health. His love of the sea caused him to join the Navy at one time, but gave it up when the grape juice order took effect. George's strong point in being able to "tickle the ivories" makes him a favorite everywhere. On a recent furlough he purchased a château at Grenoble, in the south of France, and will return to live there for the rest of his days.



Pvt. 1Cl. Thomas A. Flanagan  
Cook Edward L. McKenna  
Pvt. 1Cl. John F. Mulcahy

Pvt. 1Cl. George W. Brooks  
Pvt. 1Cl. George R. Cuthbert

H. S. John A. Greenleaf  
Pvt. 1Cl. George F. Brooks  
Corp. Frederick A. Rocks

## PRIVATE J. J. CONNORS

Paper making was Connie's occupation in peaceful days, but when war was declared, Connie joined up and was eventually landed in France. He has seen *beaucoup* service, and was gunner with a French battery in the Argonne offensive.

Vigorous and healthy, Connie is a firm believer in Lemon Extract as a cure-all, in preference to C. C. pills. Connie has aged considerably since hearing that prohibition has won out at home.

## PRIVATE COOLIDGE

A few months ago this higher intellectual was injected into our company, and was assigned as mail sorter at M. P. headquarters. Daily this young man can be seen working hard, carrying a mail bag containing nine letters.

A college graduate and an authority on every one's business in the company. This favorite son spends his idle moments reading other people's postal cards.

## PRIVATE CORMIER

It was at Bras that this new comer appeared in our kitchen. No one noticed him at first, just so did he sneak in after dark. He says he's a cook and has climbed the various stages of a kitchen apprentice, K. P. included; until today he is able to boast as to how to make corn meal mush and another cathartic known as "Cormier's Cathartic Coffee."

## PRIVATE CHARLES CORRIVEAU

Connie was a mill hand before the war, and in the company has filled the bill as barber, besides doing duty as an M. P. His ability as a hair cutter would make him an expert at clipping hedges, or some other object that had no feelings. Ambitious and handsome, this young man has a brilliant future before him.

## PRIVATE JOSEPH COUGHLIN

This long-legged child is rated as the tallest man in the company, standing six feet three inches in his stockinged feet, which, by the way, should be classed as yards rather than feet, for Joe wears size twelve shoes, which keep him from falling through knotholes in the floor. No one ever hears much from Joe, owing to his quiet disposition, and he will return to his looms after his discharge from the army.

## PRIVATE EDWARD CULL

This is the brainiest member of the company, for if the outfit moves and there are visions of long hikes, Eddie transfers himself to the kitchen as a K. P., thereby riding on a wagon instead of walking. Somewhat of a gossip and a believer in arbitrating a slap on the face. Has seen *beaucoup* service, mostly in Toul, and will, after leaving the army, drive a delivery wagon for his old man.



Pvt. 1Cl. William A. Hesson  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Matthew Hanley  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Harold E. Mortimer

Pvt. 1Cl. Claude L. Nesary  
 Pvt. 1Cl. John W. Mercer

Pvt. 1Cl. James McIver, Jr.  
 Corp. Thomas E. Kennedy  
 Pvt. 1Cl. Manfraed Nashlund



#### PRIVATE FRANCIS DACEY

As assistant company clerk, Dace can be seen most of the time maltreating a typewriter in the company office and smoking up the free issue tobacco. Is an important member of the outfit, as his suggestions are valued very highly by the "brain trust."

Will write a book on "How I Got By," on leaving the army.

#### PRIVATE WINSLOW DAMON

Having seen active service with the 104th Infantry, "Peno" was wounded and joined our company on his return from hospital. Since his arrival, "Win" has made himself extremely popular with all the boys.

In business life, "Win" is a hide and leather specialist, and has two brothers holding commissions in the army; but "Peno" prefers the democratic life of private, and will play the "skin game" in Boston on his return.

#### PRIVATE HARRY DEERFIELD

While out on patrol in No Man's Land, Harry forgot to camouflage his gold front tooth. A Boche flare went up and Harry's tooth shone like a cat's eye in the dark, with the result that he was discovered and received a "blighty." After doing bunk fatigue in the hospital for a while, Harry came to our company and has become one of us, so to speak. A regular Beau Brummel when it comes to dressing up, and is noted for his dexterity in throwing and shooting crap.

#### PRIVATE WALTER DENNISON

The expression "best ever" comes pat to our minds when considering "Dinnie's" personality. A real buddie to all who enjoy his acquaintance, "Dinnie" has a place in every one's esteem that is hard to fill. Pay night sees this ruddy-faced boy with a mitt full of pasteboards, betting his head off till another player sings, "I hear you calling me." Yes, indeed, Dinnie is always there when it comes to playing poker.

#### PRIVATE LEO DURKIN

The narrow space within which it is necessary to confine these brief sentences makes it difficult to describe Leo, but we see him as a happy-go-lucky kind of fellow.

While doing duty in Ferey, he was heard talking in his sleep one night about Lucy; and when told about it later, blushed and said, "Aw t-t-t-that's the name of a town I did duty in." Like all the others, Leo enjoys himself when the opportunity presents itself.

#### PRIVATE FRANCIS FEEHAN

Frankie is known in the company by the cute nickname of "Dimples," and has the unhappy faculty of getting lost every time our company would move. He has an angelic face, but a temper not in keeping with his features, for



Pvt. 1Cl. Clinton A. Voelm  
Pvt. 1Cl. Walter C. Stickler

Pvt. 1Cl. Lewis E. Hackett  
Pvt. 1Cl. Walter G. Bridges

Pvt. 1Cl. John P. Riepenhoff  
Corp. Richard J. Dee  
Pvt. 1Cl. Charles Yelle

"Dimples" can be a stubborn child when he wants to. Frankie is a heavy smoker of K. of C. or anybody else's cigarettes, and is thinking of opening a manieure parlor in Boston on his return.

#### PRIVATE LESTER E. FIELDING

This "fresh Ayer" fiend breezed in as a replacement one stormy day last October, and proceeded to make himself heard in the councils of the company right off the bat, so to speak. His selective criticisms on one occasion, at pistol drill, made us see a brilliant future for him in the kitchen. However, Lester has a chance to live to a ripe old age, providing he keeps his ideas to himself.

#### PRIVATE JOHN FRANCIS

"Jackie" is one of the youngest members, but is a husky child for his age and a clever baseball player.

Quiet and cheerful, he is looked upon as the baby of his squad, for any night his male nurse (Jock Keating) can be seen putting him to bed at eight o'clock. Jackie will indulge in semi-pro baseball next summer.

#### PRIVATE ALBERT FRANK

No one has taken the duties of M. P. more seriously than "Al". As a mounted M. P. he was assailed on all sides by the cry, "Turn in that saddle," and he did; for, truth to say, no stirrups were big enough to hold "Al's" feet. He has the distinction of conversing with more generals than any other man in the A. E. F. "Al" would make an ideal chief of police in civil life, if he is allowed to live to go back.

#### PRIVATE GILBERT

Gillie is a member of the first squad, and owing to his physical dimensions cannot get any article of clothing to fit him outside of a pocket handkerchief. Is sociable and has a wide circle of friends throughout the division.

Gillie was assigned as guard on an uncalled-for detail, namely, watching piles of Corned Willie and Hardtack at the railroad.

#### PRIVATE PEARLY GORDON

As a son of the soil "back lum," Pearly came in mighty handy when our Mess Sergeant was at his wits' end to know how to get provisions to feed us, on the Château-Thierry front, for Pearly went out on the abandoned farms and returned with a load of potatoes and other vegetables, and relieved the situation.

This boy is considered as one of the moneyed men of our company, for he carries a roll that a grayhound couldn't jump over. Pearly intends going West after donning civilian garb.

#### PRIVATE HARRY HALE

Harry is rated as the oldest soldier in the outfit, having seen seventeen years' service as a National Guardsman, and is an expert rifle and revolver shot. Quiet



Pvt. ICl. James E. Entrekkin  
Pvt. ICl. Charles J. Juhlman  
Pvt. ICl. Howard L. Bowen

Pvt. ICl. Walter E. Bridges  
Pvt. ICl. John L. Rohan

Pvt. ICl. Fred Buche  
Corp. Hervey W. Bell  
Pvt. ICl. Roxy P. Rauch



and preferring his own company, Harry can be seen every day in the task of cleaning his firearms, and bestowing a care and affection on them that indicates his belief in the saying that both these weapons are a soldier's best friend. Harry's future, like himself, is mysterious.

#### PRIVATE CLYDE HANNANT

Clyde held down a K. P.'s job in the company for some time, and as his vocation in peace times was that of dyer, the knowledge of that trade came in useful in making coffee; for "Hooks" could strike the right color in making that beverage, although it must be said that the coffee was so weak that it had to be helped out of the dixie into our drinking cups. Later on, "Hooks" did his bit as a "road boss."

Very intelligent and studious by nature, enjoying excellent health, Clyde will return home to dye.

#### PRIVATE ROBERT HARPER

Being a recent arrival in the company, Bob is not well known, but has made a favorable impression with all whom he has come in contact by his pleasant manner. Bob was a gunsmith in Boston before enlisting, and although implements of that sort are going out of style, he expects to don his apron at his old trade again.

#### PRIVATE JOHN J. HAYES

When our company was first formed, Jack's voice struck terror to our hearts, but as the time went on, his worth as a buddie became apparent to us all. This leather-lunged person is the mainspring of everything that will amuse the fellows, and has a voice that a baseball umpire would envy. He detests sea trips, but enjoys a quiet game of poker and every one's cigarettes.

#### PRIVATE WILLIAM HESSON

"Big Bill," as he is familiarly known, came to us as a replacement, and is from sunny California. A perfect specimen of a man, with all the attributes of a gentleman and a soldier. This husky will return to the Pacific Coast richer in friendships and experience.

#### PRIVATE JAMES JONES

Any one who lived in the billet with Jimmie during the Rimacourt campaign can testify to his liberal qualities, for Jimmie on one occasion presented all his cigarettes and even his clothes to his bunkies. He has by his care-free manner made friends wherever he went, and 'tis whispered that Jimmie intends returning to France, and will reside in Biesles *avec* somebody else. At least, he was seen staking out some land to build a manure pile on a few months ago.

#### PRIVATE JUHLMAN

Can you imagine in the good old days, before prohibition was a reality, a policeman's beat in Cincinnati, with ten barrooms, not to mention soda fountains,



Pvt. ICL. RICHARD J. TRUM  
Killed in the Argonne, November 1, 1918



Pvt. ICL. PATRICK NEALLIGAN  
Died in Brest, January, 1919

on said beat? Well, such was Jule's job in civil life. So after a brief sojourn with us, Jule will be mustered out of his job as M. P., or servant to every one, to that of "monarch of all he surveys" as a civil cop.

#### PRIVATE THOMAS KEARNS

In our kitchen at one time was "Tom," who took to the work like sponge takes to water. His early training as cook made him a valuable addition to our kitchen staff. His sunny smile tended to keep the kitchen well illuminated at all times, but Tom longed for more power, and was therefore sent out on duty at his own request.

A shoe worker by trade, Tom will soon run the usual Saturday crap game in the Canal Field, Lowell.

#### PRIVATE KEATING

"Jock" has been with us from the very beginning, and from first appearances we surmised him to be a very industrious and sober young man. His strict attention to duty is one of his assets, but we believe that the scarcity of spirituous liquors in Montigny-le-roi can be directly traced to this young man from the hilly section of Massachusetts, namely, Fitchburg.

#### PRIVATE JOHN KENNA

Cognac has nothing on "Stretch" for chasing gloom, as any one who ever saw him in action will testify.

Full of fun and witty remarks, but detests long hikes. He generally manages to ride into camp a day later with a few friends, in a happy frame of mind.

"Stretch" will wrestle with baggage in the American Express service on his return.

#### PRIVATE KENYON

Ray's occupation in the company is that of "dog robber," and the strenuous nature of that job has affected him so much that he is troubled with spells of rheumatism occasionally. Ray spends his idle moments training his mustache, and intends landing a berth as a cop in Boston on his return.

#### PRIVATE HERBERT KOCH

"Hockey" is known as the most thrifty member of the company, for he prefers to pass the time rather than spend it. Is an adept at washing clothes and darning socks. Has a mania for collecting souvenirs, and will open a "hock" shop on returning to Milford.

#### PRIVATE WILFRED LAMOTHE

With the face of an angel and the hands of a crap shooter, Willie drifted into the company after a strenuous time killing Huns in the Toul sector. Has had



Pvt. 1Cl. WILLIAM P. DURKIN  
Killed in Tours, France, November 2, 1918



countless experiences, but his modesty forbids his mentioning them.

Will's quiet manner impresses us all, and has a prominent place in the esteem of every one.

#### PRIVATE ROMEO J. LORION

This bashful-looking boy, whose looks seem to tell us that he would not swear out loud. But looks are deceiving, as we found out later. Romeo was the owner of a lemon-colored mustache at one time, but was ostracized from it one night, while asleep, by a bunch of midnight carousers. The grocery counter will appeal to Romeo once again on his departure from the army.

#### PRIVATE TIMOTHY LYNCH

It was at Verdun that "Jimmie" was annexed to us, but spent most of his time with Freddie Hodgeson at the railhead, sorting out, in a casual way, piles of returning divisional humanity. With sunny smile and cigar in mouth, Jimmie is the picture of contentment, and will dabble in politics as ward boss on his return to Lowell.

#### PRIVATE WILLIAM J. LYNCH

Bill has been with us since our first being formed, and his dignified demeanor was a puzzle to us at first; but from closer association with him, we have found him first, last, and always one of the boys. The population of the "patch" will be increased by one when Bill returns to Fitchburg.

#### PRIVATE JAMES P. MACCREADY

As the average height of an M. P. is five feet, eight inches, this diminutive creature claims that he was measured from his chin up and the others from the chin down; but be that as it may, "Petit" has been with us all along. He is noted for his notorious argumentation and for putting new words in Webster's Dictionary. A slave to the pasteboards, and will indulge in literary work on "*la guerre finie*."

#### PRIVATE JAMES McIVER

It was at Montvieu that "Mac" came to us as a replacement, on one of those calm summer evenings just before the nightly air raids. Our first impressions of him are still unchanged, for he preserved a tomb-like silence and a pleasant disposition. The far West will call Mac home on his return.

#### PRIVATE LEON MADIGAN

This tall, rugged chunk of childishness, with a pair of arms well trained in the gentle art of baggage smashing, and with eyes that seem to be constantly on the lookout for Vin Rouge—such is "Maddie." Out of a cloud of dust, dragging his feet like a man weary from drudgery in the use of the pick and shovel, "Maddie" generally captures the booby prize on any hike. When the license party of Fitchburg need another vote, "Maddie" will be there "toot sweet."



COLONEL WARREN E. SWEETSER

## PRIVATE WALDO MANNING

This young man, when lined up for pay, answers to the classical moniker of Waldo, and has busied himself at the railhead, keeping the stacks of new clothing from walking away. Is a great believer in sleep, especially when it's time to go on guard. Waldo's love for horses caused him to cover part of the fair land of Boque with his outstretched form on one occasion.

## PRIVATE ROMEO MARCEAU

Romeo is another of our veterans and a Caruso No. 2. After we had a good view of him while he was on tour with our divisional show, wearing his two-in-one puttees and a "George Brown" belt, we tried to figure where he got off; but we soon found out that he got off at Toul, where he took singing lessons. Romeo understands French, but as an interpreter is a good lecturer.

## PRIVATE JOSEPH MENARD

Joe was one of the first who was "brunged in" the company on its being formed, and for all appearances, you would take him for an undertaker; but Joe manages to smile once in a while, especially when winning in a poker game. Joe was a corporal once, but there isn't anything private about that. Cleghorn will clasp Joe to its bosom on his return.

## PRIVATE WESLEY MERCER

The first time we spotted "Wes", whose voice contained a slight drawl, we took him for a Kentucky moonshiner; but "Wes", it appears, came from the Golden Gate, and is a gamester in every sense of the word. "Wes" does everything after dark according to Hoyle—chews tobacco and the rag—but for all that is a good friend when you are broke.

## PRIVATE DOMINIC MOORE

While at Verdun, there appeared before us a young boy with battered helmet and dusty face. He had all the appearance of being in the trenches. After snapping off a few cooties and a cross-examination by the captain, we were allowed to embrace Dominic as a brother.

A fine child for his age. He will play hookey from school once again on his return to Maynard.

## PRIVATE MORSE

Headquarters claimed "Doc" as a driver of a motorcycle *avec* sidecar, and although he never was in the trenches, "Doc" has filled the casualty lists with numbers of poultry and other animals that came in his path. "Doc" will hang out his shingle as a motorcycle salesman on donning civilian attire.



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COLONEL WILLIAM H. DOLAN



#### PRIVATE HAROLD MORTIMER

Harry, in the good old days, was a "hash slinger" in his father's restaurant, and forsook the orders of "Beans and," "Draw one in the dark," and came over to the order of "Forward, March."

A likable chap is Harry. He will return to the "Eatery" and juggle plates in the near future.

#### PRIVATE JOHN MULCAHY

After being put through a close examination by our esteemed commanding officer (who knew him of old), to see if he had any barbed wire fences in his pockets, "Mul" blossomed forth as an M. P., and since then has made good. Is an understudy to "Pud" McKenna, and generally answers "present" when the boys go out for a good time.

#### PRIVATE NELSON

Out of the struggling mass of replacements at the railhead, the hand of fate reached out and grabbed "Swede", overalls and all, and placed him in our company. As an authority on back-alley patrols, musical ditties, politics, or describing his experiences on the mysterious post No. 7 at Freecourt, this blonde has no equal. Has written a book entitled, "Round the Division Area in Three Days."

#### PRIVATE NESARY

While at Verdun, "Nezz" was wafted to us on the wings of an autumn breeze. This man was minding his own business on a California farm, when the Kaiser, with a full house and kings wild, opened the pot; so "Nezz" finally wound up as one of us at the end of the game, and will return to Sunny California with many friendships made among us.

#### PRIVATE FRED NICHOLS

A short life was predicted for Hank by those who knew him of old, but Hank settled down and became a useful member of our company. A lover of beautiful women, Hank became so infatuated with a Red Cross worker in Toul that in his spare time he could be seen washing dishes for her in the buffet. Has been known to wear a new uniform for two hours without getting it torn.

#### PRIVATE BASIL NORMAN

Owing to the fact that "Bedo" is a benedict and stayed at home nights, with the "ball and chain" on, we cannot say much as to his carousing abilities, for he has the self-restraint to stay in his billet nights and amuse himself playing solitaire. "Bedo" sported a mustache? or rather a mistake, but was advised by his close friends to come out from behind it before his better half sees him.



CAPTAIN JAMES F. COBURN

#### PRIVATE JOHN O'BRIEN

The residents of Concord heaved a sigh of relief when "Ratsey" sailed for France, for this curly-headed wind pusher is known from Menil-la-tour to Brest. Was cited for bravery in the Argonne, and we take the proud liberty in saying that he is the first M. P. to be so honored. Would look well with a D. S. C. on his breast and a month's pay in his jeans. Ratsey, on his return, will again indulge in the playful pastime of nailing his "old man's" clothes to the wall.

#### PRIVATE JOHN B. O'DEA

The political world heard from this man when he aspired to the office of representative, but when the votes were counted, Jack was (to use the racing expression) "An also ran," and could not be coerced nor intimidated into running again. An authority on everything and was a mounted M. P. for a very brief time; but believed that a horse, like a camel, could go without a drink for eight days, so was placed "on terra firma" "toot sweet." As a high flyer he has brought down a Boche plane. We don't know who was feeding him opium at the time.

#### PRIVATE FRANCIS ORCHARD

While passing a dugout, which served as our company office in Bras, one day, we heard faint mutterings which sounded like the voice of a woman. Straining our ears a little, we could catch some of the conversation, which ran something like this, "My battery, my battery, I am going back to my battery." In this manner we received our first glimpse of "Apples," who, by the way, had more hurt stripes than Heinz had varieties. Since his arrival, "Apples" has been, as a rule, hard to understand; for while at Montigny-le-Roi no one knew where he lived, which leaves us in a quandary as to the real status of this man.

#### PRIVATE WILLIAM ORMOND

During our sojourn at Bouque, we gladly welcomed into our midst this Titian-haired veteran. "Red" saw service in the town major's department, and was therefore fully hardened to battles with the French people over renting billets. Has the habit of carrying a cigarette behind his ear, and would make an excellent cop in civil life, for "Red's" chief hobby while on patrol is bumming handouts from cooks in officers' messes on his beat.

#### PRIVATE JAMES OSGOOD

Jimmie's quiet manner would almost make us forget he was in the company, but as Jimmie went on a trip to Germany his popularity increased, for he was besieged on all sides to bring back some iron crosses, which he did; and many a proud parent will sit in blissful ignorance while her brave offspring tells how many



CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. RYAN  
Formerly Sergeant. Commissioned in France



Huns he killed before finding one with an iron cross, which in reality Jimmie bought for eight marks.

#### PRIVATE JAMES F. O'TOOLE

From the cool surroundings of ——— Park, "Toques" decided to come across with the M. P.'s. His quiet demeanor is one of his fine assets, but his ability as a first-class crap shooter and marksmanship with a rifle, as well as a track athlete, make "Toques" a fitting representative of our company in any branch of sport.

#### PRIVATE LAWRENCE E. O'TOOLE

The townspeople of Stoncham surely remember the vegetable hawker who serenaded them daily. From his business dealings with cranky housekeepers on his daily rounds, Larry developed into being a twin brother to McCready when there was any sarcasm or crabbing to be put across. But, nevertheless, a party without Larry would be the same as a funeral without the corpse.

#### PRIVATE JOSEPH PECHULIS

A young man of quiet disposition, with a fine knack of minding his own business, Joe can hold his own with any of the boys. He demonstrated to all of us at Toul that he was no woman hater, but we do not hold this against him. Like many others, Joe is very adept at playing Rummy without the use of cards.

#### PRIVATE JOHN PECKMEZIAN

The above young man is one who could fittingly represent the 26th M. P.'s at any tribunal, because of his ability to handle the different languages as he did his tailor shop back home, before he enlisted. John's only difficulty with handling languages is, that when he becomes excited he is at a loss to "pick" out the right "lingo," and it's nothing uncommon to hear him swear out loud in Chinese.

#### PRIVATE HUBERT PICKENS

Another of our National Guard replacements was an old, weather-beaten veteran of the border war. He seemed to be doing a lot of grumbling over something, but found out later that "Pick" enjoyed hearing the sound of his own voice, especially when we had "Rass" for breakfast. His Western drawl and funny remarks make "Pick" a prime favorite among us. Is somewhat of an epicure when it comes to eating, and is fond of stews around eleven P.M.

#### PRIVATE DENNIS QUINLAN

This mischievous boy is another one who spends his time "robbing dogs." When we first were privileged to know this handsome-looking chap, with his inno-



FIRST LIEUTENANT CHESTER H. ELMS  
Formerly Sergeant. Commissioned in France

cent face, we figured him to be quiet; but on seeing "Dinnie" in action at various rackets, we changed our opinions. Is subject to the disease known as the "Gimmies," when any one pulls out a packet of smokes. Dinnie's only worry is trying to buy champagne on a private's pay.

#### PRIVATE ERNEST RASMUSSEN

One of Maynard's white hopes is "Rassy," and a man after Chief Saunders's own heart. This boy enforced the law to the very letter everywhere he did duty, and narrowly escaped from being hit over the head with a park wagon by an enraged teamster on one occasion. "Rassy's" only fad consists in wearing earlaps all the time.

#### PRIVATE JOSEPH READY

A machinist by trade, and in his spare evenings, back home, Joe and his gang infested the Lowell boulevard along the Merrimac River, breaking up spooning parties. (I ought to know.) Joe has since graduated from that profession, and is now engaged in breaking up traffic jams and occasional disorderly parties and booze gatherings.

#### PRIVATE JOHN REIPENHOFF

If it is a button to be sewed on or a rip mended, John is your man. "Rip" was tacked on to our outfit as a replacement some five months ago, and he proved to be a very useful addition. He can be found at any old time with a perfect barrage of military garments around him. As a quiet, sober, and industrious soldier, "Rip" has made a fine impression on his comrades.

#### PRIVATE FRANK REYNOLDS

Here is a young man who is "toot sweetness" personified, for Frank has all the ear marks of a snappy soldier. Formations and details of all kinds find Frank first on deck, and his ability as member of the Stoneham Fire Department, in years to come, would not bear questioning.

Frank has several pastimes, such as cultivating a beautiful mustache and in breaking in K. of C. corncob pipes.

#### PRIVATE JOHN B. RICHARDS

"'Twas in Bar-le-Duc that this boy shone forth in all his splendor," for John B. could parley French, and was therefore a favorite in the house of many a fair inhabitant of that city. It was hard to tell whether John was on duty or furlough during our three months' stay there; but all things must have an end, and it was with feelings of sadness that John left. On a later visit, John was presented with a souvenir by one of his friends, and the memory of that present still lingers in his mind.



SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES J. McDONALD  
Formerly Sergeant. Commissioned in France



#### PRIVATE JOHN RIESE

Another of Bedford's contribution to the cause. John will always be remembered for his gentlemanly conduct and pleasant manner. He did duty at Division Headquarters, and was decorated with the double cross while at Ecommoy.

John will amuse himself by driving his dad's auto on his return home.

#### PRIVATE ARTHUR ROBICHAUD

"Robey" was a familiar figure in Toul, as many a straying soldier minus a pass will testify; for, truth to say, "Robey" let nothing by him but the wind. In early days he was right guide for our company, but his stride and cadence betrayed the fact that he always thought that we were going to a fire instead of a drill. The comb-making industry of Leominster will claim "Robey" on his return.

#### PRIVATE HERBERT ROBINSON

The inhabitants of Billet 666 at Ecommoy were disturbed, one day, by what seemingly was the cry of some one in distress. Every one rushed madly to the attic, from whence these sounds came, and found Herb taking his daily singing lesson in rendering to pieces the hymn "Abide with me." Right there, Herb was told that he would have to abide somewhere else if he persisted in making that racket.

The churchgoers of Framingham will have a good excuse for staying away from services when Herbie returns to their choir.

#### PRIVATE CHARLES ROCKS

Charlie joined the company at Bouque, and according to some of the boys was the jinx who brought the bombardment of that place with him. Charlie meanders along in his own little way, with his sage advice that would do credit to a deacon or an elder. Is supposed to be an ardent woman hater, but we will not vouch for this, for Charlie "Mayet" have a girl to himself.

#### PRIVATE FRED ROCKS

As a faithful servant this young man has no equal, for every night Fred could be seen, with lantern in hand, climbing the wind-swept heights of Whisky Hill, in Rouseaux, to our stables, to see if all the horses were present or accounted for.

Freddie has always been on the job, for he has always had his eyes and ears open, and there is the makings of an excellent detective in him.

#### PRIVATE ROCKWELL

When our company was first formed, in strode one of Barnum & Bailey's bouncers. Since the first day we saw him, "Rocky" has been bouncing off curses like a rip roarer. But Walter's disposition is not so bad as some of the language he uses.

"Rocky" will again return to the State Hospital as attendant to the self-thought Napoleons and Kings in the violent ward.



SERGEANT INSTRUCTOR JAMES J. McHALE

## PRIVATE CLAUDE RYDER

Outside of carrying a large cud of eating tobacco in his mouth, there is nothing else that interests Claude in the least. And as a member of our social family is as fine and sweet as pulverized sugar, but has an ungovernable temper that bodes ill for any one that crosses him. Claude had great difficulty restraining himself on one occasion when asked: "Huh! huh! Where did you get that jerkin, Ryder?"

## PRIVATE DAVID SANDBLOOM

Hunting is this young man's chief pastime, and if one is crazy enough he can get up early any morning and see "Honey" depart for the woods with his trusty revolver, returning in time for reveille with a brace of rabbits or squirrels. It is remarked by some that the squirrels are after "Honey" on account of his habits of early rising, but withal "Hon" is pleasant, and has a dry retort when it comes to kidding.

## PRIVATE WALTER SARGENT

Following all the other replacements very closely, and almost in step with them, came a man with all the outward appearances of a mule skinner, with manure on his heels and lugging a big box of musical instruments. After a good deal of questioning, we found out it was "Ted." In former times, Ted was a mess sergeant; but, Lord knows, one of that kind is enough in a company, so Ted pocketed his pride and went on duty as one of us.

## PRIVATE HAROLD SHERIDAN

Then came a man from the gallant 104th Infantry, covered with mud and cooties and a "hurt" stripe.

This was "Sherry," and he took to M. P. duty like a duck takes to water. As a story-teller, he can handle the truth as careless as any one we ever heard. Was cited for bravery, according to advices from the Maynard *Enterprise*.

## PRIVATE WILLIAM SMITH

If this young man had had his way, our top sergeant would never have reached the stage of manhood, for as playmates in school days, Bill held "Merrie" under the water while swimming, and attempted to drown him.

Now that positions are reversed, Bill gets a detail occasionally, just as a reminder that George never forgets. Just the same, Bill is carefree and good-natured, and the paper mill will see him in the near future.

## PRIVATE JOSEPH STONE

This "*petit soldat*," as the fair sex of Bar-le-Duc called him, when they would pat him on the head and lovingly gaze down on him. Pay day sees Joe in the midst of his gigantic brethren with the bones in his hand, rolling them out, at the same



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time reminding the dice that "baby needs shoes." Joe always manages to have a good time wherever he goes, and since the Bar-le-Duc offensive has become squint-eyed from gazing up at the top-story windows of apartment houses.

#### PRIVATE EDWARD SULLIVAN

When one talks about being on the water wagon, we shall always remember "Sully," with his trusty specimen of a she-mule. Sully and Lulu kept the cuisine well applied with "de l'eau." We have always envied him with his soft snap, but after seeing Lulu in action a few times, we did not begrudge him the job in polishing that mademoiselle mule carcass.

#### PRIVATE HARRY SULLIVAN

No finely chiseled phrases can do this blond-haired, good-looking fellow justice. Harry, by his taking ways, has set the hearts of the mesdemoiselles throbbing wherever he went on his trusty steed. Nobody knows how many hearts Harry wounded, but we are sure that he knows what his arms were made for.

#### PRIVATE RALPH SWIFT

Unlike the name he bears, Ralph is not fast in the respect that one is prone to imagine, for Ralph in his habits is a fitting model for the best of us. A perfect gentleman, and above all a buddie who is ready and willing to help any one whom he knows he can befriend. His success as a salesman in civil life is assured if his personality as a soldier counts for anything.

#### PRIVATE HARRY TAPPLY

From the apprenticeship of a mule skinner, Harry decided to become a real M. P., so after his graduation we find him posing for the movies at Division Headquarters. His best rating consists of being a keen judge of talcum powders, and as a wrestler he is second to none in the division.

#### PRIVATE WILLIAM TAYLOR

Bill is one of our old-timers and has few faults, but we speak under correction on this point: he is thoroughly acquainted with the surroundings of Rousseau, having visited there on a number of occasions; but we remember him mostly for his gallant escort work at Toul, when he was attached there to the Y. M. C. A., for rations.

#### PRIVATE FRANK THOMAS

When old Company A ceased to exist, Frank was ushered into our ranks and made himself at home immediately.

Judging by the vast amount of perfumed letters coming Frank's way, we cease to wonder why the mail is late, for Frank's many *fiancées* occupy most of the boat space with their fond messages of endearment.



## PRIVATE THOMAS WALSH

With a smile from ear to ear and an extraordinary sized chew of tobacco in his mouth, such is Private Tom Walsh of the Emmett Guards. Tom is ranked as the M. P.'s contribution to the Prohibition Party, is one of the best and leads the simple life, and never complains when his lot seems hard.

## PRIVATE CARL WESTBURG

The Forge Village town service flag has a star that stands for this "peroxide blond," and Carl in all his travels over France seems attached to Trampot more than any other place; in fact he purposes returning there and settling down for good. But we will wait and see, for we are all the same in making promises; but when it comes to a showdown, it's a case of "Out of sight, out of mind."

## PRIVATE JAMES WILKINSON

One of Stoneham's pride and a charter member of the company. When Jimmie assumes that sorrowful expression, we know that the cards are going wrong. Those of us who remember Commercy will also remember Jimmie's near catastrophe with a lady bicyclist, and the result therefrom.

## PRIVATE GEORGE WOOD

There is glory enough to go around, therefore we feel that "Smokey" deserves all the praise that we can give him.

On frosty mornings, when it came to a vote between our captain's Butt's Mannal and George's Coffee, well, "Smokey" won, hands down, for it surely could relieve that dizzy feeling. He can always be seen at "Ye olde Kitchen," dishing out specialties like a real exponent of the Copley Plaza.

## PRIVATE YARUMIAN

Another trench hobo who came to us at St. Mihiel was "Yaeka," with his pleasant smile showing a perfect set of teeth and his rich dark Oriental-like features that make him the idol of *beaucoup* mademoiselles.

"Yaeka" is a graduate of Hall's barber school, Boston, and practises his tonsorial art occasionally on a few willing victims; and outside of finding a new girl for himself everywhere he goes, "Yaeka" manages to have a good time.

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Now, dear comrades, there are some other worthy members of our company about whom we have said nothing, because time and space do not permit. We all very well know that those of us, whether or not mentioned in these short briefs, will never forget the good spirit of comradeship displayed by every member of the good old 26th Company Military Police.

Such is the story of the personnel of the 26th Military Police. Under orders and volunteers to a man, we left the United States, and as one of the units of the Yankee Division we shared in their hardships and glory.

When the history of our noble division is written, it will not be complete without some mention of that body of soldiers who did their bit by keeping a high standard of road discipline from the rear to our comrades in the trenches.

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